WebGrants Tips and Techniques

For Getting the Most From Your Payment Roster

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The CSAC Standard Roster



- Is sorted by Section, then Name, then SSN.
- Contains all records except for those reported as "Not in Attendance."
- Is updated weekly.

Available Data Elements



- SSN
- DOB
- Grant ID
- Cycle ID
- Housing Code
- Dependency Status
- New / Renewal

- CSAC Budget
- EFC
- Remaining Eligibility
- Forecasted Eligibility
- Roster Section

Custom Codes



- Allows schools to create new fields.
- Custom codes can be used to include or exclude certain student records.
- School-based, all users at the school and at CSAC can view codes.

Custom Rosters



- Change the order of the fields
- Choose which fields are displayed
- Select which terms are shown
- Sort and filter individual records
 - Using existing data elements
 - Using custom codes

Print Roster



- CSAC Standard Roster
- Any user-defined Custom Roster
- Prints on standard 8.5 x 11" paper

The Display Roster Screen



- View History link
- Search by data element
- Look up individual student
- Jump feature
- Mark all Custom Code 5

Tip #1 – Find new records



- Use the area labeled:
 - Update all records with custom code
 (Will display in Custom Code 5 field)
- This field will add a code to ALL student records (even those not displayed)
- Select a code or series of codes to use. Codes can be:
 - Alpha or numeric
 - One or two characters

Tip #2 – Develop Custom Codes



- Decide what information you want to track and set up a list of custom codes.
- After keying the codes, create custom rosters to view the data in a way that meets your needs.
- Remember that custom codes can be viewed by all users, but custom rosters are just for you.

Examples of Custom Codes

- Records that require verification
- TCP 5th year eligibility
- Students for whom G-21s are pending
- Students on leave of absence

- Students not making satisfactory academic progress
- Records reconciled or not reconciled
- Records requiring special handling
- Anything else that meets your needs!

Tip #3 – Use the NA code



- The "NA" code moves a student into a separate section of the roster
- Students are not displayed on the CSAC standard roster
- Remember to modify existing custom rosters for this new feature!

Tip #4 –Identify Transfer Entitlement students



Use a custom roster to find Transfer
 Entitlement students that require
 graduation date verification

Filtering using custom codes



- Include or Exclude?
 - Include means that <u>ONLY</u> the records that meet the criteria will appear on the resulting roster.
 - Exclude means that all records will remain on the roster <u>EXCEPT</u> those specifically excluded.

Filtering using multiple custom codes



- And or Or?
 - And means that records meeting <u>BOTH</u> criteria will be included in or excluded from the resulting roster
 - OR means that records meeting <u>EITHER</u> criteria will be included in or excluded from the resulting roster.

Tip #5 - Try it and see if it works



- When filtering using custom codes, play with the and/or function and check your results
- The data is always available on the CSAC Standard Roster and so you can't "break it."

For More Information



- Use the HELP features
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